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SUBJECT: EC COUNCIL DECISION ON RAW MATERIALS--ORTOLI'S
COMMENTS

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B) EC BRUSSELS 6677

1. ON JULY 24, WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A BRIEF TALK WITH
EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI REGARDING THE EC COUNCIL'S
APPROVAL OF A "GUIDELINES" PAPER ON RAW MATERIALS AND RELATED
ISSUES IN CONNECTION WITH THE UN SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.
AFTER SUMMARIZING THE MAIN POINTS IN THE PAPER ALONG THE LINES
OF WELLENSTEIN'S BRIEFING (REFTEL A), ORTOLI RECOGNIZED THAT
IT IS ONLY A BEGINNING AND THE CRITICAL DETAILS MUST NOW
BE WORKED OUT AMONG THE NINE AND WITH OTHER INTERESTED COUN-
TRIES. HE NEVERTHELESS CONSIDERED IT A GENUINE SUCCESS -- A
SMALL BREAKTHROUGH -- TO HAVE GOTTEN ALL THE EC GOVERNMENTS
ON BOARD ON A BALANCED STATEMENT COVERING THE QUESTIONS OF
COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS AND STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS.
ORTOLI EMPHASIZED THE PRODUCT-BY-PRODUCT CHARACTER OF THE
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APPROACH ON COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS. HE MADE CLEAR THAT HE

THINKS THE NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH FULL-FLEDGED COMMODITY AGREEMENTS MIGHT MAKE SENSE IS QUITE LIMITED.

2. IN RESPONSE TO ORTOLI'S QUESTIONS, WE REFERRED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S RECENT SPEECHES AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THERE IS A BROAD COINCIDENCE OF US AND EC OBJECTIVES ON THESE MATTERS. ORTOLI SAID HE AGREED. IN FACT, HE CHARACTERIZED THE POSITION JUST APPROVED BY THE NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS AS IN LINE WITH THE APPROACH HE HAD SKETCHED OUT IN HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ON MAY 30.

3. ORTOLI RECALLED HIS STRONG INTEREST IN CLOSE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND EC COMMISSION ON MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE SAID HE HAD PERSONALLY APPROVED A LENGTHY INSTRUCTION TO Krag, THE EC COMMISSION'S REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON, TO REVIEW WITH THE DEPARTMENT THE COMMUNITY'S POSITION ON RAW MATERIALS AND RELATED MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION (REFTEL B).MORRIS

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